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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](#) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clallam County

In May of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least two years the registered nursing assistant credential of **Sherrie M. O'Dell Cooper** (NA00144526). Cooper was convicted in Clallam County District Court of one count each of driving under the influence and of no interlock device, both gross misdemeanors. She was convicted in Okanogan County Superior Court of third-degree assault – lawful process or lawful apprehension, a class C felony; reckless driving, a gross misdemeanor; and second-degree driving while license suspended or revoked, a gross misdemeanor.

Clark County

In May of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of physician assistant **Casey J. Maul** (PA10004310). Maul withdrew from practice in Oregon, where the Oregon Medical Board placed his license on inactive status.

In May of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the licensed practical nursing credential of **Kathleen Jo Evans** (LP00039968), who failed to comply with terms of a previous stipulation.

Grant County

In May of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission immediately suspended the licensed practical nursing credential of **Larry D. Barr** (LP00052160) after the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians revoked his credential to practice in that state.

Grays Harbor County

In May of 2011 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and the Trauma Systems Program entered into an agreed order with emergency medical technician **Mark W. Tosland** (ES01173502) under which his credential is suspended for at least five years. Tosland had a sexual relationship with one patient, kissed another while she was in a hospital room recovering from surgery, and persisted in contacting the second patient until the patient's mother asked him to stop.

Island County

In May of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least three years the emergency medical technician credential of **Matthew L. Czarnik** (ES00123996). Czarnik was convicted in Island County District and Municipal Court of first-degree negligent driving, a gross misdemeanor. In addition, the Island County Prosecutor's Office charged him with one count each of residential burglary with aggravating factor and possession of a controlled substance.

King County

In May of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission terminated the credential of resident physician **Joe C. Huang** (ML20008964) after Huang failed to respond to a statement of charges.

In May of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least three years the certified nursing assistant credential of **Venita R. Chandra** (NC60087644). Chandra was convicted in Kent Municipal Court of driving under the influence, a gross misdemeanor; in Federal Way Municipal Court of fourth-degree assault, a gross misdemeanor; and in King County Superior Court of third-degree assault, a class C felony.

In May of 2011 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Janice N. Lorenzana** (NA60111941). While working as a caregiver, Lorenzana left a patient unattended in his home without making an effort to cover her shift or to notify her employer she was leaving early.

In May of 2011 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with chemical dependency professional **Wendy Lynn Blackburn** (CP00004283) in which she surrendered her credential. Blackburn had a romantic and sexual relationship with a client.

In May of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the licensed practical nursing credential of **Dottie L. Dunthorn** (LP00034239), who failed to comply with terms of a previous agreement.

Kitsap County

In May of 2011 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials of **Deliyha R. Hopkins** (NA00201558, NC60105581). While working at a health and rehabilitation center, Hopkins received on her cell phone a picture of a vulnerable adult patient naked and bent over. Hopkins failed to report the photo to the Department of Health and to the Department of Social and Health Services.

Pierce County

In May of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Dennis J. Geyer** (MD00048961) under which he was placed on probation and required to comply with certain terms. Geyer was convicted in Pierce County Superior Court of third-degree assault, a felony.

In May of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the licensed practical nursing credential of **Carlito A. Zoleta** (LP00042489), who failed to respond to an inquiry after allegedly failing to report a patient's wound to the charge nurse.

In May of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission immediately suspended the licensed practical nursing credential of **Travis A. Bourbonnais** (LP00059920) after the Minnesota Board of Nursing suspended his credential to practice in that state.

In May of 2011 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with certified nursing assistant and health care assistant **Christine Marie Riley** (NC10006340, HC00136928) under which she surrendered her credentials. Riley failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreed order.

Snohomish County

In May of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least 10 years the registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials of **Todd W. Draper** (NA60176467, NC10043521). Draper had sex with a patient at a rehabilitation center where he worked.

Spokane County

In May of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least three years the registered nursing assistant credential of **Janice R. Christian** (NA00192144). Christian had a romantic relationship with a patient and traveled at the patient's expense.

Thurston County

In May of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission immediately suspended the registered nursing credential of **Russell Huebner** (RN00176359) after the Arizona State Board of Nursing revoked his credential to practice in that state.

In May of 2011 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with massage therapist **Alan D. Bennett** (MA00007761) under which he surrendered his credential. Bennett touched one patient's nipples and digitally penetrated two patients' vaginas.

Out of State

Alabama: In May of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission immediately suspended the registered nursing credential of **Brandon L. Bailey** (RN00176831) after the Virginia Department of Health Professions Board of Nursing suspended his credential to practice in that state.

Missouri: In May of 2011 the Dental Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of dentist **John C. Kennedy** (DE00008379) after dental boards in Kansas and Missouri suspended his credentials to practice in those states.

Oregon: In May of 2011 the Board of Physical Therapy suspended the credential of physical therapy assistant **Louis J. Conde** (P160047077). On his application, Conde falsely answered questions about his disciplinary record in California, and about his history of personal and sexual relationships with former patients.

Texas: In May of 2011 the Board of Hearing and Speech indefinitely suspended the credentials of hearing instrument fitter and dispenser, and audiologist, **Allen D. Webb** (HA00000651, LD00004234). Webb worked at other jobs during hours he was expected to work at Western State Hospital. Items missing from Western State were found in Webb's classroom at Bates Technical College, where he also worked. Webb gave or sold hearing aids charged to Western State to patients at Bates. Webb put money from the sales into bank accounts he controlled.

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